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**Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 925
Relating to Public Employment Cost Items.
To provide appropriations for collective bargaining cost items and other public employment costs for Unit (13) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2017-2019.**

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On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **support of S.B. 925** that will appropriate funds for fiscal biennium 2017-2019 for salary costs for public employees in collective bargaining unit 13 and for certain employees excluded from collective bargaining.

HHSC values all of its employees in the public sector unions. However, HHSC's financial condition cannot absorb any further collective bargaining pay increases without a corresponding general fund appropriation to pay for those raises. In HHSC's budget briefing testimony for the fiscal biennium 2017-2019, HHSC noted that \$28 million of HHSC's initial general fund appropriation request is due to pay for the cumulative effect of collective bargaining pay raises for the prior fiscal biennium 2014-2016 which were funded through special fund appropriations. For HHSC, a special fund appropriation only allows the hospitals to spend the cash that they generate on paying these types of raises; however, HHSC's hospitals already are not able to generate sufficient cash to pay for all of its operating expenses. This is why HHSC constantly needs a general fund appropriation of between 15-20% of its operating budget just to end each fiscal year with a minimal level of cash on hand. HHSC needs a **general fund appropriation** to pay for the proposed raises; otherwise, it will need an emergency appropriation to pay for these raises in the upcoming Legislative Session.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee. We appreciate the Committee's continued focus on improving healthcare for our island communities.

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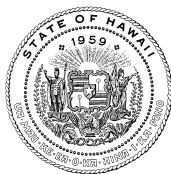
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
SENATE BILL NOS. 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920,
921, 922, 923, 924, 925 AND 926, S.D. 1

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These measures are vehicle bills to appropriate and authorize funds for collective bargaining cost items for salary adjustments and other cost adjustments for public employees and their excluded counterparts for Fiscal Biennium 2017-19.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports moving these Administration measures, or similar ones, as negotiations are currently in progress and vehicle bills will be necessary should an agreement be reached or arbitration award issued prior to the end of the legislative session. The bargaining units addressed in the bills and the bill number for the Administration measure for that bargaining unit are as follows: Senate Bill No. 924, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 1; Senate Bill No. 914, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 2; Senate Bill No. 915, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 3; Senate Bill No. 916, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 4; Senate Bill No. 917, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 5; Senate Bill No. 918, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 6; Senate Bill No. 919, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 7; Senate Bill No. 920, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 8; Senate Bill No. 921, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 9; Senate Bill No. 922, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 10; Senate Bill No. 923, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 11; Senate Bill No. 925, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 13; and Senate Bill No. 926, S.D. 1, Bargaining Unit 14.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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S.B. 914, 915, 916, 918, 920, 921, 925,
and 926 – RELATING TO PUBLIC
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The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the passage of S.B. 914, 915, 916, 918, 920, 921, 925, and 926, each of which provides a vehicle funding bill to implement pending collective bargaining agreements for fiscal biennium 2017 – 2019 for the bargaining units we represent.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the aforementioned bills.

Respectfully submitted,

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